



8/14/15 Advisory on Safety Precaution Status for EPA Gold King Mine Spill

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Environment Department continues working with local, regional, and federal stakeholders to advise San Juan County citizens of safety precautions, while updating those affected about the Gold King Mine Spill’s pulse location and effects. Adherence to the following important safety measures is critical.

Do Not Use Nearby “Floodplain Level” Wells. If you live in the Animas River or San Juan River flood plain and your wellhead is at roughly the same level as the river, the Environment Department advises you to refrain from using the water for cooking and drinking or any human or animal ingestion until further notice. Do not boil river water in an attempt to purify it and use it for ingestion. Boiling the contaminated water will not remove potential contaminants.

**Precaution Lifted
8/14/15, No
Longer in Effect**

Do Not Draw Canal or River Water. People who draw domestic water directly from the Animas River, San Juan Rivers or from irrigation canals should refrain from using the water until further notice.

Remains in Effect

Do Conserve Water. Conservation of water is critical during the time that the pulse of contaminated water is passing through the region, and possibly for days thereafter. Until the concentration of constituents is known, drinking water systems and nearby well water users are refraining from drawing the river water, and thus supplying customers from limited clean water reserves.

Remains in Effect

Do Get Potable Water from Water Stations. Potable water stations have been set up through San Juan County’s Office of Emergency Management (www.sjcounty.net) for residents at the following locations:

Remains in Effect

Aztec: (Less than 100 gallons please)” Aztec RV Fill Station – 201 W. Chaco – next to City Hall and the police station Open all day

Bloomfield: Bloomfield Fire Station – 911 N First St.

Monday 8/10/15 - Friday 8/14/15 9:00am – 9:00pm

Farmington: Farmington Fire Station #6 – 3101 West Main St.

Sycamore Park Community Center – 1051 Sycamore St.

Monday 8/10/15 – Friday 8/14/15 8:00am - 8:00pm

In the County: Center Point Fire Station # 1 – 16 Road 2755 Flora Vista Fire Station #1 – 2 Road 3275 Valley Fire Station #4 – 4 Road 6200 Stations will be open:

Monday 8/10/15 – Friday 8/14/15 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Bring your own drinking water containers. No large tanks.

Do Not Water Livestock with River Water. Livestock owners should refrain from watering livestock from Animas or San Juan River water.

Remains in Effect

LIVESTOCK AND RV WATER STATIONS

San Juan County Livestock – East of the Hogback – Livestock Evacuations/Emergency Water



Delivery New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service –

505-334-9496

Navajo Nation – West of the Hogback –

Livestock Evacuations/Emergency Water Delivery Navajo Nation Livestock – 505-368-1037 or
928-871-7891

NAPI Non-Potable Water Fill Station

A map of the location can be found at www.navajopride.com Jeremy Simpson 505-427-1843

Do Not Ingest Fish from the Rivers. The New Mexico Game and Fish Department advises anglers not to fish in the Animas River and not to eat fish caught in the San Juan River watershed. **Remains in Effect**

Please visit www.NMEDRiverWaterSafety.org for continuing updates and informational resources associated with the New Mexico Environment Department's activities to inform and protect communities affected by the Gold King Mine Spill of Wednesday August 5, 2015.

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